

REMARKS

The Office Action Summary that is the subject of this response indicates that Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application, with Claims 11-18 allowed, 1-4 and 10 standing rejected, and claims 5-9 standing objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (and any intervening claims)

By the present response, claim 1 is withdrawn from prosecution, with the limitations of this claim added to claim 5, which is hereby amended to stand as an independent claim. Claims 2-4, as well as claim 10 have been amended to depend from new independent claims 5. Claims 11-18 remain in their original form. As such, the present amendment leaves claims 2-18 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

The present Office Action that is the subject of this response indicates that , Claims 5-9 are allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant hereby amends claim 5 to stand as an independent claim, including all of the limitations of claim 1, the previous base claim. The remaining claims which have been objected to have been amended to depend from claim 5. Claims that were indicated to be allowable, claims 11-18, remain in their original form.

Finally, Figure 1 was objected to as requiring a legend such as –Prior Art— because only that which is old is illustrated. The present amendment includes an instruction to add the legend “Prior Art” to the drawing of Figure 1, together with a replacement drawing set, identifying the replaced Figure 1 in the top margin as “Replacement Sheet”.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this amendment, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account 502294, maintained by the assignee to the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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